

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2022 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress House and Senate and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and engage in discussion regarding mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, May 27–Sunday, June 5, 2022. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, July 9–Monday, July 18, 2022. They will attend similar meetings in Washington organized by the members of the U.S. delegation.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation shall consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that there is a significant time commitment aspect for those selected for the program. In addition, U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter

in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all staff selected for the exchange program must be fully vaccinated in order to travel. Proof of vaccination must be submitted with the application.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Questions may be directed to Ms. Kate Knudson at 202-226-1766 or Ms. Claudia Marconi at 202-226-3441.

HONORING OUTGOING DEARBORN CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID BAZZY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Bazy on the occasion of his retirement from the City Council of Dearborn, Michigan, where he has honorably served for over ten years. His significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Bazy is a lifelong Dearborn resident and graduated from Edsel Ford High School. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a MBA from Wayne State University. He has served as chairman of the Dearborn Charter Commission and served on the Recreation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. An active member of the community, he belongs to many organizations and sits on the board of the Dearborn Goodfellows. Mr. Bazy is President and COO of Kenwal Steel, Kenwal Pickling, and Delaco-Kenwal—all based in Dearborn.

Mr. Bazy was first elected to the Dearborn City Council in 2010. His time on the council was focused on ensuring that Dearborn remains a great place to live and work for years to come. Mr. Bazy concentrated on attracting new small businesses and providing support for current Dearborn mainstays, making the economic renewal of the city a top priority. With years of civic involvement under his belt, he has been a strong voice on behalf of his neighbors and a decisive advocate for public safety. Mr. Bazy resides in Dearborn with his wife of over thirty-three years, Cherie, and together they have three sons.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring David Bazy. We are grateful for his time spent serving the citizens of Dearborn as a member of the City Council. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in the future.

THE TRANSITION-TO-SUCCESS MENTORING ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, as we mark National Mentoring Month, I am proud to reintroduce legislation to the Transition-To-Success Mentoring Act to help local education agencies prepare at-risk students for the transition from middle school to high school.

I have had many mentors at every stage of my life, whether it was my theatre teacher in school who encouraged me to be who I am and elevated the confidence in myself to pursue sports, or my grandmother who raised me, and who was the reason I find myself following her large footsteps in public service. Mentors are important at every stage in life and especially at a young age. We should help children foster these mentor/mentee relationships to look up to someone bigger than themselves.

The Transition-To-Success Mentoring Act would establish a grant program for school-based mentoring programs targeted at helping at-risk middle school students transition from middle to high school. Under my legislation, participating students would develop and execute a formalized plan for success in high school and beyond, and be supported by a school faculty member or volunteer from the community known as a "Success Coach."

Middle school is a uniquely challenging time for students and ensuring a smooth transition from middle to high school is critical to their long-term success. School-based mentoring is an innovative supplement to the traditional learning that takes place in the classroom, providing underserved and at-risk students with attention and support to keep them engaged in school. This legislation is a small step towards providing some of the most vulnerable students with individual attention to help cross the bridge towards high school, college, and career.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the need for mentors for our children by signing on to this important legislation.

HONORING BROOKE CURTIS AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Lewis Central's 3rd-grade teacher Brooke Curtis as Iowan of the Week.

Inspired by the teachers she had growing up in Griswold, Brooke always wanted to teach. After graduating high school, she attended the University of Iowa and got her

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master's from Concordia in early education. She began teaching a unique program to the Council Bluffs school district known as Transitional Kindergarten, or T-K as she calls it.

Transitional Kindergarten is an amazing program that accepts 4 years and older who might not be ready for kindergarten. T-K is a wonderful opportunity to give children structured learning and development before entering kindergarten. Brooke says for many parents, they face a difficult choice when they have a child who isn't quite ready for school. As a T-K teacher, she worked with our youngest students to prepare them with the social, emotional, and educational skills.

Teaching T-K is how Brooke met Stacey Kuehn, who nominated Brooke to be Iowan of the week. Stacey was in the Harley-Davidson showroom, ready to buy her retirement motorcycle when her phone rang—she needed to become the caregiver of her two granddaughters.

Brooke met Stacey and her granddaughters when they enrolled in her class. Brooke told Stacey she could call her and that Brooke would do anything to help. She kept that promise. Brooke began helping out with childcare and offering support, and helping these two girls grow. And that's why I wanted to honor Brooke Curtis as Iowan of the Week.

Even though Brooke assures us that all her fellow teachers and school administrators would do the same, I know that Brooke puts everything into being a teacher and helping her kids. "Teachers are givers," she said, "and while I know we can't pour from an empty cup, sometimes I still try." She means there are days, especially over the last year, where she gives everything she has to her students. It was hard on her, and her family.

Brooke and her fellow teachers in the Council Bluffs school district have been teaching A&B schedules during the pandemic, where half their students were online and half in the classroom. "It's not a skill I wanted to learn," she joked.

It has never been harder to be a teacher than right now. That is why I am proud to support legislation that invests in teacher retention, teacher mental health, more funding for our schools, and supporting our K-12 families. Teachers like Brooke should remind us all that investing in our teachers is really an investment in our children.

Madam Speaker, Brooke's dedication to her students and commitment to teaching future educators ensures our kids in Iowa are in excellent hands. It is my honor to name Brooke my Iowan of the Week.

CELEBRATING THE REVEREND EMMITT THEOPHILUS CAVINESS AND EXHIBIT AT HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Reverend Emmitt Theophilus Caviness and his new exhibit at the Harrison County Historical Museum. For sixty years, Reverend Caviness has dedicated his life toward change. Born a year before the Great Depression, Reverend

Caviness has led a life that has made a resounding impact on the state of Ohio.

Reverend Caviness' has made extraordinary accomplishments that can be felt across our nation, even in the face of poverty and racial division. After seeing a racial caricature in Marshall's City Hall, he vowed to dedicate his life to fighting for racial justice. His belief in love's ability to heal racial wounds was exemplified in his support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His actions during the Civil Rights Movement led to his induction to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame, where his imprint is housed at Dr. King's National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia.

To name his accolades would be to speak endlessly, however, I would be remiss if I did not emphasize several of his most noteworthy achievements. The Reverend's belief in public service led to him serving six years on Cleveland City Council. This belief bloomed further by sharing stages with those at the forefront of leadership and policy, including Presidents Carter, W. Bush, and Obama, as well as Civil Rights dignitaries Coretta Scott King and Al Sharpton. He would also receive the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Award for his lifelong membership and recognition from The National Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum. His undying hope in "the power of a conversation" is shown through a willingness to engage those of every demographic, regardless of their differences.

The Harrison County Historical Museum will honor Reverend Caviness with the Journey Stories exhibit. The exhibit will showcase memorable photos through his journey, including a photograph of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. visiting his Cleveland church. The exhibit also displays awards for his service towards change and shines a spotlight on his extended family.

So, Madam Speaker, I rise again in honoring Reverend Emmitt Caviness for his work toward creating change not only for his fellow Ohioans but for all Americans.

COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNI- VERSARY OF GREATER ST. STE- PHEN FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana, as they celebrated 85 years of service on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Greater St. Stephen deserves our collective recognition, not only because of its longevity, but because of the unique contributions it has led in building a wide-reaching community of both faith and service. Since the people of the church are the church, not just its edifices or buildings, we also recognize those members of Greater St. Stephen who are sterling examples of how everyday people, placing their trust in God, can accomplish extraordinary things.

Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church has played a vital role in New Orleans and has dedicated itself to spiritually uplifting the community and its congregation. I myself

am grateful to have a sacred space within its walls.

There are deep roots in my family here at Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church. I am especially proud to say my Mother, Pastor Eartha Flemings Carter, prayerfully served this Congregation, and became an ordained Elder. My sister-in-law, Elder Constance Carter, was one of the first women to be ordained as an Elder at the Church in September 1993.

Founded in 1937 by 69 faithful members, by its 50th anniversary, Greater St. Stephen grew to over 10,000 members; and by 2005, to over 20,000 members, the largest congregation in the State of Louisiana and one of the largest in our country. Operating in three locations around New Orleans and from a separate headquarters, the church served as a model and a training ground for other expanding churches as to how to manage their affairs.

More than that, Greater St. Stephen birthed the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship movement that would revolutionize the African American church landscape, expanding, at its height, to over 1,500 churches and hundreds of thousands of members in virtually every major city in the United States and in places as far flung and diverse as the nations of Africa, the Caribbean and Great Britain. It is famous for its powerful and inspiring gospel choir.

With all of its well-deserved national and international acclaim, however, Greater St. Stephen kept its roots and focused on its local community through its service at home by its vast network of volunteer members. The church established a seniors' residence; a program for women in need of special services; a college scholarship program to assist high achieving-needy students; a learning center for elementary students; and a middle-class housing subdivision community, Greater St. Stephen City, among other unique undertakings.

None of this great church's accomplishments would have occurred except through the stalwart leaders who God envisioned its members to wisely choose. This began with Rev. Arthur Gundy; through Rev. Percy Simpson; and on through the dynamic leadership of Bishop Paul S. Morton, Sr. and his wife and partner in leadership, Dr. Debra B. Morton. Under Bishop Morton was when the ministry was extended to New Orleans East and the Westbank, becoming one church in three locations.

The promise for the future of Greater St. Stephen remains bright under the current leadership of Dr. Tyrone D. Robinson and his wife, Elder Jasmine M. Robinson.

Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church has continuously persevered through the homegoings of Pastors Gundy and Simpson, natural disasters including deadly storms like Hurricane Katrina, a devastating fire of the ministry's original Uptown location, and most recently the challenges of navigating the coronavirus pandemic.

Today we proudly salute Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church following its 85th Anniversary because of what it has meant and still means to our community and our country. I wish it many, many more years of distinguished service.

I thank them for so proudly shining the light of our Lord upon the Greater New Orleans community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL ELECTIONS HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Special Elections Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia complete authority to set the date of special elections for local offices, like other jurisdictions. This bill simply removes a D.C. Home Rule Act limitation on the District that is not only inconsistent with the self-government granted by the Home Rule Act, but is also counterproductive.

This bill allows legislation we got enacted in 2012 that gave the D.C. Board of Elections ("Board") more flexibility to set the date of special elections for local offices to maximize voter participation. Although we sought complete authority for the District over the scheduling of special elections, the 2012 law, the District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act, did not include this home-rule principle. D.C. should have complete authority over a matter that is unrelated to any other congressional district and has no relevance to Congress.

The Home Rule Act originally required the Board to hold special elections on the first Tuesday occurring more than 114 days after a vacancy and allowed the Board to schedule special elections on the same day as the next general election if that election occurred within 60 days from when a special election would otherwise have been held. This inflexibility led to special elections being held on religious holidays and forced the District to hold a special election separate from an upcoming general election, costing the District hundreds of thousands of dollars. The 2012 law requires the Board to hold a special election on a Tuesday occurring between 70 and 174 days after a vacancy.

This bill is an important step to perfect home rule for the District. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COMMEMORATING THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK JANUARY IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the "Black January" killings, one of the most tragic events in Azerbaijan's history.

Thirty-two years ago, on the night of January 20, 1990, approximately 26,000 Soviet troops stormed Azerbaijan's capital city of Baku in tanks and armored vehicles. The Soviet military bulldozed and opened fired on innocent Azerbaijanis and peaceful protestors, including women and children. The resulting casualties of these brutal acts were 147 people killed, around 800 injured, 841 arrested, and 5 missing. I offer my thoughts and prayers to the families of those who gave their lives for the independence of Azerbaijan.

Despite these merciless acts, the Azerbaijani people were not deterred. They continued to fight for their freedom and became independent in 1991. The United States was one of the first countries to recognize Azerbaijan's independence and fully established diplomatic relations on February 28, 1992. The relationship between our two countries endures to this day. The United States and Azerbaijan are strategic allies and share common interests in the region and globally.

As the co-chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I urge my colleagues to recognize the sacrifices of the Azerbaijani people in their steps toward a free-market economy and encourage a recommitment to the democratic values for which many Azerbaijanis sacrificed their lives.

HONORING OUTGOING DEARBORN CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BRIAN O'DONNELL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian O'Donnell on the occasion his retirement from the City Council of Dearborn, Michigan, where he has honorably served for over ten years. His significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. O'Donnell is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn. He also attended Madonna University and Baker College. An active member of the Dearborn community for over two decades, he has served as a City Beautiful Commissioner, as Vice President of the Dearborn Federation of Neighborhood Associations, and as a trustee of the Dearborn Hills Civic Association. Beyond serving on the Council, he has worked for the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and the State of Michigan.

While on the Dearborn City Council, Mr. O'Donnell was dedicated to promoting smart government spending while still ensuring that the City can continue to provide stellar service to the residents of Dearborn. His voice was constantly a part of the productive discussion and progress made during his time on the Council. From fixing broken streetlights to participating in countless community events around town, his focus was on revitalizing and stabilizing our neighborhoods and making them a better place for all. Mr. O'Donnell's leadership and insight are an asset to the Dearborn community at large. He continues to live in the Dearborn area with his wife Julia and their children Sean and Cece.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Brian O'Donnell. We are grateful for his time spent serving the citizens of Dearborn as a member of the City Council. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in the future.

HONORING FRIENDS OF LOXAHATCHEE

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, a nonprofit organization in Florida's 21st Congressional District. Since its founding in 1982, the Friends of Loxahatchee have been tirelessly committed to conserving Florida's beautiful natural ecosystems for future generations to enjoy.

The Friends of Loxahatchee was our nation's first U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Friends group. Throughout its years of operation, the over 300 member organization has supported environmental education and wildlife protection services at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge—the northernmost part of the Florida Everglades. The contributions made by Friends of Loxahatchee members and volunteers have introduced countless children across South Florida to science and the wonder of the Everglades. Their projects have engaged disadvantaged youth in environmental conservation and coastal clean-up efforts, funded transportation to the Refuge for school and community groups, and renovated the Refuge Visitor Center and its exhibits.

I am proud to honor the Friends of Loxahatchee for their years of service to the people of South Florida, their education of the next generation of leaders, and their dedication to protecting our animals, plants, and habitats. I look forward to their contributions in the years ahead.

HONORING ANICETO "CHETO" PEREZ, JR.

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aniceto "Cheto" Perez, Jr., of Alice, Texas. Aniceto has dedicated his life to public service and law enforcement for over three decades and has made a lasting impact on the people of South Texas.

Aniceto was born to Aniceto Perez, Sr. and Martha Valerio Perez of San Diego, Texas in 1959. After graduating from San Diego High School in 1978, Aniceto knew he wanted to establish a career in law enforcement. He began his career with the Duval County Sheriffs Department in 1978, serving as a telecommunicator and jailer before transferring to the City of Alice Police Department.

Aniceto started at the Alice Police Department as a uniformed patrol officer and was promoted three years later to the Narcotics Unit. As a narcotics investigator, Aniceto performed undercover operations and served as a member of the Narcotics Task Force, working closely with local, state, and federal agencies. Aniceto was then promoted once again, this time to Sergeant Investigator of the Narcotics Unit, making him the lead investigator

on many cases. During his tenure in the Narcotics Unit, Aniceto assisted in the seizure of several tons of illegal narcotics, millions of dollars in narcotics-related currency, and countless weapons utilized by drug trafficking organizations. Aniceto also held roles as an Internal Affairs Investigator; Interim Lieutenant for the Patrol and Traffic Division; Training Coordinator; Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team; Police Bicycle Patrol Instructor; Firearms Instructor; Honor Guard Member; Licensed Forensic Hypnosis Administrator; and Chief of Police. Aniceto retired from law enforcement after 39 years of service with the Alice Police Department, the longest tenure to date.

Although it would be impossible to list all the impactful cases he worked on and all he achieved during his time at the Alice Police Department, these cases stand out over the course of Aniceto's storied career:

In 1994, Aniceto was a member of the team assigned to investigate the capital murder case of Trini Gonzalez, who was only 9 years old at the time of her death. This investigation led to the arrest and conviction of two people.

In 2008, Aniceto was a member of the investigating team that responded to an armed bank robbery of a Wells Fargo Bank that involved the shooting of an Alice police officer. This investigation led to an arrest, conviction, and recovery of stolen currency.

In 2018, Aniceto was made lead investigator on the murder case of Matthew Murphy, a police officer shot in the line of duty. This case had remained unsolved since 1974, but through much diligence and investigation Aniceto and his team obtained a confession, arrest, and conviction for the case, which spanned from Texas to Alabama.

Aniceto also participated in a lengthy multi-agency surveillance operation of a suspected member of the Asian Triad who was living in Alice and owned a business there. Upon his arrest, the suspect was found to be in possession of floor plans of a federal building in Corpus Christi. This operation is believed to have stopped a possible terrorist attack on the building.

Aniceto has accumulated an impressive number of awards and commendations over the course of his career, including the City of Alice Chamber of Commerce Police Officer of the Year Award in 1995 and 2018, the City of Alice Police Department Achievement Award, and the Jim Wells County Leadership Award. He is also very engaged in the community, and has served as a board member, volunteer coach and official for the Boys and Girls Club, regional coordinator for Toys for Tots, and judge for various local athletic organizations including the Alice Swim Team and the Coastal Bend Allstars Swim Team.

Aniceto expresses no desire to slow down anytime soon. He is currently a Professor and Criminal Justice Faculty Lead at Coastal Bend College, where he shares his knowledge and expertise with students. Aniceto has expressed gratitude and love for his career; however, he states his greatest accomplishments are being a husband to his wife Jo Ann for 37 years, being a father to his daughter Sabrina and son Aeren, and being a grandfather to his two grandchildren, Aaden and Alaina.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Aniceto Cheto Perez, Jr., a truly passionate public servant who represents the best of our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating him on his outstanding career and thanking him for his devotion to the people of the Rio Grande Valley.

HONORING LEWIS JORDAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lewis Jordan who is being honored for his exemplary service as Executive Director of the Housing Authority for the County of Marin from 2012 to 2021.

For nearly a decade, Mr. Jordan led the Marin Housing Authority (MHA) in its mission to improve housing opportunities for low-income families, seniors, and children and confront systemic inequities related to generational poverty and racial disparity in Marin County. During his nine-year tenure, Mr. Jordan managed an annual budget of approximately 50 million dollars. He fostered robust financial viability across programs and increased opportunities for additional funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Mr. Jordan's collaborative work with other community groups including businesses, government entities, and community-based organizations produced results. He increased access to resources for Marin's vulnerable residents through partnership with Marin Homeless Continuum of Care and by ensuring access to specialty vouchers for veterans, the unhomed, and survivors of domestic violence. The landlord partnership program he developed increased MHA's voucher utilization rate to more than 95 percent, and the program has since become a nationwide model.

When the COVID-19 pandemic increased the threat of homelessness and placed a subsequent strain on housing, Mr. Jordan and his team at MHA effectively distributed 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers to at-risk community members and organized the issuance of HUD waivers to provide critical relief to tenants enrolled in their subsidized programs.

My staff and I have worked closely with Mr. Jordan through his tenure with MHA, and I have seen first-hand his skills and commitment to improving the quality of life for our community in Marin County and the extended region.

Lewis Jordan is a man of conviction. His values and many good deeds are appreciated and worthy of special recognition. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Lewis Jordan for his hard work and accomplishments and extending to him best wishes in his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT WINKLER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable public servant within my district, Robert Winkler. After serving his community as a Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, and Building Inspector for

twenty-four years, Robert ran for office and was chosen by the Borough of Penndel to be their Mayor.

Throughout his twelve year tenure, Mayor Winkler worked diligently to improve the borough and the quality of life of all its citizens. Through his relationships with other elected officials at every level of government, as well as business owners and industry executives, Robert improved the delivery of municipal services. He increased communication between residents and businesses through the establishment of a semi-annual newsletter. Through his office, Mayor Winkler actively coordinated community events such as holiday parades, the Penndel Borough Community Day, and food drives. His work did not go unnoticed: not only was he re-elected three times, but Robert was also honored by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs as Mayor of the Year in 2019.

Today, I am proud to recognize Robert Winkler as an exceptional man of proven leadership who never wavered in his commitment to serving our community and country. We are incredibly grateful for Robert's decades of public service and the positive impact that he has had on his beloved home of Penndel and the entirety of our Bucks County community.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION PAUL NELSON

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from back home in Western Pennsylvania, Mr. Paul Nelson.

Mr. Nelson's commitment to the Erie and surrounding communities has existed for decades. He began working at Waldameer Park and Water World at the age of 11 and took over the park in 1965. His loyalty and tireless efforts have positively impacted not only the people of Erie, but those who visit. Mr. Nelson is truly a Community Champion and should be honored with highest regard for his dedication and commitment.

HONORING OUTGOING DEARBORN CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUSAN DABAJA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Susan Dabaja on the occasion of her retirement from the position of President of the City Council of Dearborn, Michigan, where she has honorably served for eight years. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Dabaja was born and raised in Dearborn, Michigan and is a graduate of Edsel Ford High School and the University of Michigan—Dearborn. She graduated first in her class from the University of Detroit—Mercy Law School in 2004, while raising her young children. In addition to her council service, she

has worked as an attorney at Farhat Law for the past seventeen years, she specializes in Family Law, Contracts, Immigration, Real Estate, and Bankruptcy Law, and served as Treasurer of the Dearborn Bar Association.

When she was first elected in 2013, Mrs. Dabaja made history as the first Arab American City Council President in Dearborn. As Council President, Mrs. Dabaja was a leader on and off the council and stressed the importance of unity among the diverse community

of Dearborn. She was a strong proponent of many successful initiatives, including the Dearborn Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. Mrs. Dabaja made public safety a top priority and was a strong supporter of the city's police and fire departments. Besides her time spent practicing law and serving on the Council, she serves as co-chair of the Dearborn Education Foundation and as chair of the Local Community Stabilization Authority. She also participates in the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Citizen Advisory Committee, the Dearborn Rotary Club, and Dearborn Goodfellows. She continues to reside in Dearborn with her husband Majid and their children, Claudia, Joël, and Adam.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Susan Dabaja. We are grateful for her time spent serving the citizens of Dearborn. I join with her family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her for the future.